



Family Holiday Cottage, Pickering, North Yorkshire

We are able to make available a **self-catering** Family Holiday Cottage in Pickering for Hull families who would not otherwise get a holiday. The cottage is just outside the centre of Pickering and can be accessed by disabled people as long as they can manage the three steps up to it from the street. We have a disabled access shower in the downstairs bathroom, central heating and a bed settee in the front room so that those who are able to climb just those few steps, perhaps with assistance, can enjoy a holiday here. There is a small patio outside the back of the cottage with several steps leading up to the small (suntrap) garden, where there is a picnic table and chairs. At the top of the garden is the play barn (Not Open until further notice) with a pool table and various games – great for wet weather. There are 3 bedrooms sleeping 6 + people, 4 single beds in two rooms on the first floor with the main bathroom and two sets of bunk beds in the second floor bedroom cum playroom. There is one cot with a mattress – bedding is not provided for this. There is no parking at the house – you can unload your luggage but after this you have to look for on-street parking. There is usually space on a side street further out of town that is not restricted.

Families may book the cottage from Saturday to Saturday. Bookings run from 5pm on the first Saturday to 10am on the second Saturday. ***The cottage is for use by families who would not usually get a holiday because of low income or other reasons.***

Pickering is a small town about 40 miles from Hull, 20 miles north east of York and 18 miles west of Scarborough. There are bus connections to both York and Scarborough. Travel to Pickering from Hull by public transport involves changing buses in York or Scarborough. Pickering has a castle, a steam railway (expensive but with good disabled access), a swimming pool, museum, trout farm, lots of shops (including both Cooperative and Lidl supermarkets), several cafés and a takeaway or two, woods children can play in, a stream they can paddle in and the lovely North York Moors and forests just a few miles away. There is no night life other than pubs, restaurants and a wine bar.

We make a small charge of £50 (1 to 4 people) or £60 (5 to 8 people**) for the week, to cover the cost of caretaking ready for the next family. There is no charge made for gas, electricity or the letting. Please bring your own sheets, pillowcases, duvet covers, tea towels and bath towels. Such things as 2 toilet rolls and washing up liquid are provided. The kitchen has a fridge, electric cooker, kettle, toaster, slow cooker and a microwave. Cutlery, crockery and cooking utensils are provided. There is also a washing machine (washing powder is not provided). We have had to put away the toys and games for this season, but a TV and DVD player are to be found in the sitting room – also we now have Wi-Fi. Please tidy and clean up before you leave and make sure that the cottage is left in as clean and tidy a condition as you would like to find it.

If you wish to book the cottage please complete the attached form. Please note that school holidays are reserved for families with school age children and are usually booked very early in the season. You will need to have the form countersigned by e.g. the Head Teacher, your doctor, social worker or other professional that knows your family. This is to confirm that you are in receipt of income support or similar benefits and would not otherwise be able to get a holiday. Please then return the form with a cheque (payable to Hull Children's Adventure Society) or a Postal Order to the address on the form. You will be contacted with confirmation of which week you have booked and contact details for the cottage. We hope you have an enjoyable holiday!

Steve Clark, Trustee, HCAS. **Please note the maximum is 4 adults and 4 children per booking.